New standards for community health centres

4746. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have brought out a new standard for Community Health Centres;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government have decided to provide manpower to Community Health Centres; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. In order to provide quality care in the Community Health Centres, Indian Public Health Standards are being prescribed to provide optimal expert care to the community to achieve and maintain acceptable standards of quality of care. The standards would help to monitor and improve the functioning of the Community Health Centres (CHCs). The minimum requirement in Community Health Centres has been rescribed in terms to offset the efficiency in the availability of required manpower, equipments, drugs and in respect of physical infrastructure. It also includes capacity building of manpower.

(c) and (d) One of the key strategies of the recently launched National Rural Health Mission is to strengthen the Community Health Centres by providing manpower which includes anaesthetist, Public Health Programme Manager & Eye Surgeon in addition to the existing manpower of general Surgeon, Physician, Obstetrician/Gynaecologist & Pediatrics.

Free medicines to AIDS patients

†4747. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to provide free medical facilities and medicines to the HIV/AIDS patients in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Japan and America have offered financial assistance for the treatment of AIDS; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.